

SAYS OPPOSITION CAN BE OVERCOME

Senator Martin Confident Government Will Purchase Exposition Grounds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., November 24.—Declaring himself as heartily in favor of the government purchasing the Jamestown Exposition grounds as a naval training station grounds, and as favoring a thirty-five foot channel for Norfolk harbor, Senator Thomas S. Martin arrived in Norfolk last night and during the day has been in conference with the exposition's receivers and others interested in the proposed improvements.

Senator Martin is confident that the government will finally purchase the property on Willoughby Bay, now known as the Jamestown Exposition grounds, as it is admitted that the present quarters at St. Helena are inadequate, and it is only a question of time. In addition to the training station it will be possible to have a school for artillery and marines, as well as a large coal station.

Senator Martin declares that in the first rivers and harbors bill presented he expects to insert a provision calling for a survey of the harbor of Norfolk, with the view of giving this port a thirty-five foot channel to the sea. His belief that the port should be prepared to float the largest ships of the world.

Senator Martin expects that there will be opposition to the proposition to buy the Exposition grounds, both in the House and Senate, but is confident that when all the facts are known, and it is demonstrated that the property is offered to the government at reasonable figures.

FARMERS' MEETING.

They Listen to Speeches and Enjoy Banquet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSTONE, VA., November 24.—One of the most enthusiastic mass-meetings of farmers ever seen in Blackstone was held at Farmers' Warehouse yesterday. On the program of the day were addresses by Hon. W. H. Mann and Hon. H. D. Flood, of the Fifth District. Flood delivered one of the best addresses ever delivered to farmers in this section. Hon. Flood held the crowd for an hour and a half, after which Mr. A. J. Lamb, of the stockholders of the Farmers' Warehouse.

After dinner the crowd was entertained by several local speakers, among whom were Mr. W. A. Lamb, Mr. M. A. Jones and Mr. J. A. Hardy.

Frightful Condition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., November 24.—An investigation of the condition of the family of Peter Bass, a half-breed Indian, who came here eighteen months ago from Minnesota, has developed a frightful condition. Three of the family, the mother and two children, have died in three months and three are now ill of typhoid fever. The eight surviving children are nearly nude and are without shoes. The Salvation Army to-day investigated the case and will take charge of it. It is easily one of the worst cases near here for years.

Freight Train Derailed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., November 24.—A westbound freight on the Southern Railway between Salisbury and Asheville was derailed near Cleveland, Rowan county, to-day, and fifteen cars and a tender were badly torn up. The wreckage was piled high in the air and traffic was delayed five hours.

There were no fatalities, and the track was cleared by a wrecking crew from Spencer.

On Trial for Murder.

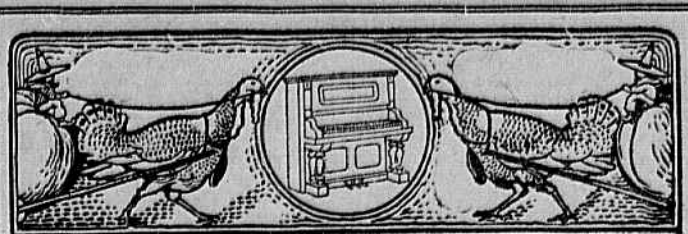
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, VA., November 24.—The trial of L. R. Sexton, charged with the murder of Dorsey Tyler, began in the Circuit Court to-day. The case was rapid progress was made, the Commonwealth having examined all but one of its witnesses. The case will probably be completed to-morrow.

Store Is Robbed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., November 24.—The general store of E. C. Cross, at Concord, twenty miles east of Lynchburg, was robbed last night by unknown persons. A large amount of the stock, much of which was shoes, was carried off to-night in an effort to locate the robbers.

Negress Drops Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., November 24.—An old negress dropped dead to-day in front of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College. The body was carried to the building and cared for by Chancellor Smith until it could be taken in charge of by an undertaker.



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News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., November 24.

From opening to ending the "business" meeting of the congregation of the Harrison Street (colored) Baptist Church last night was one of disorder and confusion, and "business" was left out of consideration altogether.

It was the regularly appointed meeting night, and the two warring factions in the congregation were out in full force. These factions are known, according to their friendship for or opposition to Pastor E. L. Tartt, as the Tarttites and Anti-Tarttites, and are nearly equal in numbers, with the exception that the women are almost unanimously with Tartt. All efforts to have an impartial man named as moderator to preside over the meeting at which troubles were to be settled and the question of retaining or expelling Tartt as pastor passed upon have thus far been futile. The suggestion by the Tartt opponents to have either one of the white Baptist pastors of the city act as moderator was not accepted.

So last night the meeting was held and no moderator was chosen. A prominent manufacturer of the city was invited by the Tartt faction to be present, with the view of his nomination as moderator, but strenuous objection was made to him, and he retired. With him also went several other white citizens, to whose presence vigorous objection was made. It was expected last night that charges would be preferred against a number of the

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Gill and the minister who married them are still alive.

A meeting of the new board of stewards of Market Street Methodist Episcopal met last night and organized. Mr. A. Wright was elected chairman, Chester Shepherd, treasurer, with W. C. Malone and A. Wright, Jr., as assistants, and W. T. Parham, secretary, with C. M. Brister as assistant. The various committees were appointed. Mrs. G. C. Wright was elected choir director, and Mrs. H. C. Willson, leading soprano.

A fire occurred this morning in the residence of Mr. H. P. Fowler, corner of West and High Streets, caused by the pipe falling from a stove. Mr. Fowler, who had stepped out for a while, barely had time to rescue his children from suffocation by smoke. The house was saved.

WILL WED AFTER HE WRITES BOOK

On Completion of Novel, John Fox Will Lead Mme. Scheff to Altar.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., November 24.—John Fox, Jr., the novelist, and Mme. Fritz Scheff, the comic opera star, who has just closed a wonderfully successful engagement in "The Prima Donna," in Chicago, and goes to New York to open at the Knickerbocker Theatre Monday, arrived here to-night from the country home of the former's parents, near Bristol, where Mme. Scheff has been the guest of the family since Sunday.

Mme. Scheff came here to make a pre-nuptial visit to Mr. Fox's family, and he is returning to New York with her, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. W. Cabell Moore, Jr., of Washington. Mr. Fox stated that during the last of his fiancée's visit to his parents at Big Stone Gap, they had decided to be married as soon after Christmas as possible, and that the event would be one of extreme simplicity. Mme. Scheff is in excellent condition physically, after her strenuous work in Chicago, and is much rested for her long engagement in New York.

The engagement was announced last summer from Mme. Scheff's summer home in the Adirondacks, but nothing further has been given out or was decided upon, until her visit to the parents of her fiance, near Bristol. Mme. Scheff was recently divorced from an officer of the Austrian army.

Mr. Fox stated that he was writing a new novel, which he expected to complete before the wedding, and it is their plan now to have the event follow the completion of the book and the conclusion of Mme. Scheff's engagement in New York.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Denominations of Norfolk Will Hold Joint Meetings.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., November 24.—The various churches of Norfolk will observe Thanksgiving Day Thursday with morning services, each of the leading denominations holding joint services at a central church.

The Methodist Episcopal will be at Cumberland Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. Dr. W. W. Starr as the preacher. The Baptist meeting will be at Freemason Street Baptist Church, with sermon by Rev. Dr. M. Ramsey, of Grace Baptist Church, Richmond. The Presbyterian service will be held at the Second Presbyterian Church, with sermon by Rev. Dr. Joseph Rennie, of the First Church. The other services are as follows:

The Episcopal and Catholic churches will hold services that morning, and the Lutheran Church will hold its service that night.

The Park Avenue Presbyterian Church will hold a service Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and the offering will be for the benefit of the Presbyterian Orphanage at Lynchburg.

The Lutheran Church, on Freemason Street, will hold service at 11 A. M. Thursday.

At the Disciples Church on Freemason Street there will be a service at 11 A. M. Thursday.

The congregation of the Colley Memorial Presbyterian Church will hold their Thanksgiving service Tuesday night, with sermon by Rev. Mr. Gilmore, of Portsmouth.

A special service will be held at Epworth Methodist Church to-morrow night, with several addresses and appropriate musical program.

TENTATIVE PLANS.

Arrangements Being Made for Return of the Fleet.

NORFOLK, VA., November 24.—Returning to-day from Washington, where he has held conferences with the Secretary of the Navy, Republican National Committee man Alvin H. Martin, announces that tentative plans were discussed for the reception and entertainment of the returning battleship fleet in February, and that actual work will begin on the program in a few days. He also announces that the men will be allowed to land here for review and a parade on the parade grounds at the Jamestown Exposition grounds.

Road Years Completed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., November 24.—The announcement is made that all but nine miles of the Virginia Railway's main line is now completed, that four miles of this will be completed within the next week, and the entire road ready for use within three weeks. The company is now negotiating for the purchase of rolling stock to equip the road.

Says It's Private Property.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, November 24.—Colonel George C. Cabell, counsel for the prosecution in the case of Samuel Hardy, accused of the murder of T. G. Jones, to-day refused to discuss the refusal to allow the defense to have a copy of the testimony adduced at the preliminary yesterday, except to say that it is private property, belonging to J. B. Jones, the brother of the dead man, a resident of Norfolk. He declares that the testimony was taken privately, at the expense of Mr. Jones, and that it is therefore private property.

Student In Trouble.

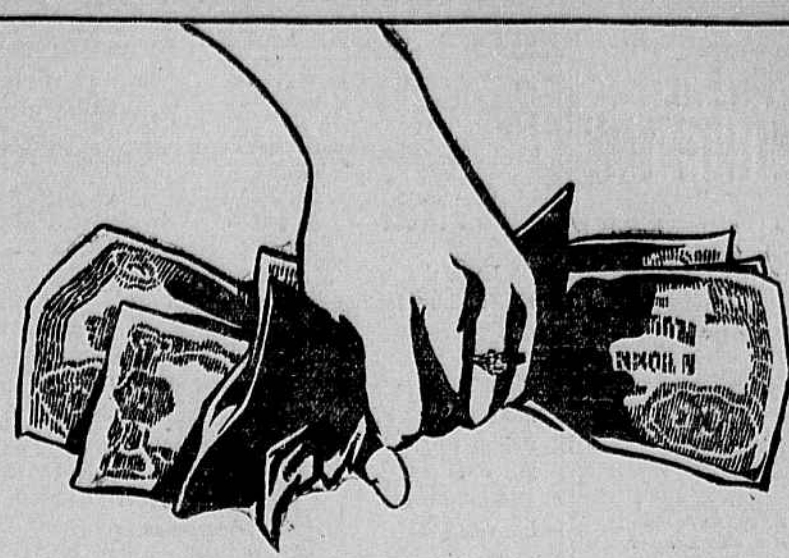
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, N. C., November 24.—To-day J. J. Williams, one of the medical students of Shaw University here, was taken by a deputy sheriff from the jail to Windham's Barre county, to be tried for seduction there.

Goes to West Virginia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FRIDELAND, VA., November 24.—Rev. Alfred Jones, of this city, has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Montgomery, W. Va., and will assume his duties there January 1st.



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RUNAWAY GIRL IS FOUND BY POLICE

She Will Probably Be Turned Over to Her People in Lexington, N. C.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., November 24.—Miss Jenny Sink, seventeen years old and pretty, who has been missing from her home in Lexington, N. C., for several days past, was found Sunday night by the police in this city. The young girl, who was well attired, was yesterday afternoon, with her own consent, turned over to Salvation Army lassies from Washington.

This morning Chief Goods, of the police force, received a communication from John W. Haywood, chief of police of Lexington, N. C., in which the chief requested that the girl be apprehended. It was stated in the letter that she left Lexington, November 21st, and had probably gone away to get married.

Miss Sink appeared rather crestfallen, after having spent a night at police headquarters, and it was evident from her expression and conversation that she was homesick. When asked by a Times-Dispatch correspondent whether or not she would go back home, she replied that she would if her mother wanted her. The girl said she left home at the solicitation of a friend.

Chief Goods notified the Lexington authorities, and it is more than probable that she will be sent for by to-morrow.

PLAINTIFF HELD IN U. S. PRISON

Despite Fact That He Is Serving Term, His Deposition Is Admitted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., November 24.—A suit is in progress in the Corporation Court, in which the plaintiff is confined in the United States prison. F. M. Angle vs. C. F. Hagan & Co. is the title of the suit, and it is to settle upon some contested points in the sale of the Casper Distillery in this city. When it was proposed to admit Angle's deposition a long argument took place as to whether the evidence of a convict should be taken, and the court ruled that as Angle was not serving a term for a felony, it should be admitted. Angle is now serving a term of one year for violation of the international revenue laws several years ago, and has another term of five years to follow for complicity in frauds in connection with the Dry Dock Distillery. The present suit involves about \$10,000.

To Remove Restrictions.

LONDON, November 24.—The House of Commons this afternoon, by a vote of 233 to 48, agreed to the first reading of the bill introduced by William Redmond to remove the existing prohibitions on the part of the government of street processions and to abolish the anti-Catholic clause in the oath taken by the sovereign on his accession to the throne. As this bill has practically no chance of further consideration during the present session, the figures given above can hardly be regarded as a real indication of the feeling of the House.

TRAINMEN FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

Their Negligence Caused Wreck, but It Was Not of Criminal Degree.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WOODSTOCK, VA., November 24.—The coroner's jury summoned in the inquest over the death of Amos Johnson and Judson Jones, the trainmen who were killed in the wreck at Pugh's Run bridge on the Southern Railroad, November 9th, when two freights collided, rendered its verdict to-day.

The jury held that the wreck was primarily caused by the negligence of Conductor Claude Yochum, in not obeying orders delivered to him for the management of his train; further, that the failure of Dispatcher P. B. Peyton to issue middle orders at the intended point of meeting of the trains contributed to the cause of the collision, and that Operator A. P. Bowers of Edinburg, was in some degree negligent in so far as he did not see that Conductor Yochum fully understood his orders, but the jurors do not find under the circumstances that any of the negligence was of sufficient degree to constitute criminal negligence.

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